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Odd lots of Fine Serge and Panama Skirts that sold up to \$7.98—black and navy blue, in desirable styles, but not in all sizes.

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White Shirtwaists, 98c.

At one of the booths on the main floor we shall exhibit a lot of about three dozen Lingerie and Lawn Waists, broken sizes which sold up to \$1.98 each.

Also, an assortment of about 40 styles of new Waists, in both high and low necks—long and short sleeves. Extraordinary values at 98c each.

Main Floor Booth.

And, throughout the house, there are many other important economies which space and limited quantities involved prevents detailing. Begin to-day's shopping tour as early as you can.

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SMITH RESIGNS; HAIL SOUNDS LIKE LLOYD GETS PLACE

Superintendent of Manchester Post-Office Station Finally Quits His Job.

HURT BY SPORTING CHARGE

Fact That He Bet on Prize Fights and Ball Games Used Against Him.

Superintendent Thomas H. Smith, of the Manchester station of the Richmond Post-Office, yesterday tendered his resignation to Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr., to take effect at once. The papers were forwarded to Washington by Mr. Allan with the recommendation that Linton B. Lloyd, clerk in charge of the money order division of the Manchester station, be appointed superintendent.

Mr. Smith's resignation is the result of a number of charges made against him. He is accused of betting on prize fights and ball games and other games of chance. He was given an opportunity to defend himself, but decided that it would be a useless fight. In talking over the situation he said: "I have sent in my resignation. I found it was a useless fight. I had no chance, as I was practically caught with the goods. Why, they even had the stubs of my private check books showing different amounts I had paid on gambling debts. My private correspondence was used against me. I could have fought along certain lines, but I must throw down my friends to hold the position. I don't want it."

No Official Charges.

Mr. Smith was appointed postmaster of the city of Manchester by President Benjamin Harrison on August 7, 1899. His term lasted one year under Harrison's administration and three years under President Grover Cleveland.

Through political activities he lost the position, but after an interval of fourteen years was reappointed on March 2, 1917, by President Roosevelt. He was placed under the Civil Service on July 1 last, when the Manchester office was made the Manchester station of the Richmond post-office.

As the case was complicated, there had never been a single charge made against Mr. Smith in his official capacity. He has always taken a prominent part in politics, and has made many enemies in this way, but his integrity has never been questioned. He is well liked by his fellow employees.

Choice of Lloyd Popular.

Mr. Lloyd, who has been recommended for the vacancy, is a brother of General Manager Mark R. Lloyd, of the Virginia State Fair Association. He was born and raised in Manchester, and has a host of friends. He has been in the postal service for sixteen years, and is now in charge of the money order division of the Manchester station. He is popular with the employees of the station, who yesterday morning and were first to hear of his appointment. The position pays \$1,500 a year, and is a distinct promotion for him.

CROSBY FINED \$25

Created Disorder at Academy During Reception.

W. P. Crosby, who made himself obnoxious in the Academy of Music Wednesday night, was in the city yesterday morning and was fined \$25 for his conduct. Crosby, who appeared against him were Fritz Satterfield, and Policemen Gray and Helm, who made the arrest.

During the Kirmers performance Crosby entered one of the boxes and began to annoy the occupants, most of whom were women, though he was unknown to any of them.

Mr. Satterfield, noting the situation, requested Crosby to leave the box. Crosby refused to do so, and was then called and he was arrested. He said in court yesterday morning that he was intoxicated, but the witnesses against him stated that he did not appear to be drinking.

GAVE BLOOD TO WIFE

Greensville Man Undergoes Transfusion Operation in Hospital.

Isaac Rabbin, ex-member of the Board of Supervisors and a prominent merchant of Greensville county, underwent an operation for transfusion of blood from an artery in his arm on Tuesday at St. Albans hospital, that his wife might be restored to health.

Mr. Rabbin, who has the loss of a pint or more of blood satisfactorily while his wife was greatly strengthened as a result of the operation.

Mr. Rabbin, who is in bad health, will remain at the hospital for several weeks in an effort to regain her health.

Local Firm Gets Contract.

The Richmond Structural Steel Company of this city has secured the contract for the construction of a new steel work which will be required in the erection of six additional stories to the Times-Dispatch building now being erected in South Sixth Street.

V. M. I. Gets Correct Flag.

Governor Mann has presented to the Legislature a bill for the Virginia Military Institute, a bill of Virginia, containing what has been designated officially as the true seal of the State. The bill will take place at the annual June 15 to 20.

Heaviest Storm in Years Hits City and Paralyzes All Traffic.

ROUGH ON CHICKS AND TREES

Icy Pellets Big as Robin Eggs Do Damage to Trees and Shrubs.

With the booming of thunder and the falling of a million spent bullets, the elements broke loose yesterday afternoon, and treated Richmond to the heaviest hail storm the city has experienced in years. For the ten or fifteen minutes of its duration it poured every living being from the streets and sent the workmen on scaffolding of the skyscrapers scurrying for cover. Only the slowly moving street cars with storm-doors closed and curtains drawn, carefully picking their way through the maze of falling ice, remained to remind the spectators at the windows, that the arteries of business were still alive.

Specimens of the hailstones picked up at the United States Weather Bureau's station at Chimborazo measured more than an inch through the greatest diameter. In the hailstone blue book chunks of ice of this size rank well up among the old families. Expressed more democratically, it means that several billion spheres of ice ranging in size from a robin's egg to a crab-apple descended upon Richmond yesterday afternoon within the space of twenty-five minutes.

Capitol Square Ice-Covered.

At the end of the storm the green turf of Capitol Square had disappeared under a blanket of ice. For a few moments the park presented the same appearance it maintained during the zero weeks in January. Only the green trees and the slaughtered leaves lying at their feet belied the midwinter scene. The squirrels took to their heels as soon as the hail began falling, climbing high and dry out of the storm into their tree-boxes.

Despite the spectacle and the noise no considerable damage was reported. Perhaps the greatest sufferers were budding fruit trees. In a number of cases trees pink and white with April blossoms emerged after the bombardment stripped to the naked bark.

At the Broad Street Park, where Richmond and Petersburg were matched for the opening game of the Virginia League season, the hail wiped out the base line and knocked the grass with treacherous ice. In the Broad Street theatres the pounding of the hail upon the roofs all but drowned the performances.

In the absence of an efficient vital statistics law, the number of young chickens that lost their lives will probably never be known. Coming at the very height of the brooding season, the hail wrought heavy damage among the feathered youngsters. A single hen lost a one-inch hailstone descending with the momentum acquired in a two-mile drop, was enough to brain the hardest among them.

One citizen saved a brood of eighteen chicks only four days old, by prompt use of the telephone. With the descent of the hail he telephoned his neighbors and warned his wife, who, as it later developed, was quietly watching the storm from the front windows comfortably ensconced between a magazine and a box of chocolates. She reached the back yard in the midst of the hail, and placed the room in position over an exposed coop, saving eighteen lives.

Rainfall Was Heavy. According to records kept by the local weather bureau station, the rain fell at a rate of 1.5 inches in the length of time it lasted, was the heaviest in years. In less than one hour of precipitation the gauge registered .63 inches of rainfall. Rain began falling at 3:42 o'clock and the hail came ten minutes later. At 4 o'clock the hailstorm and rain ceased, but the rain continued ten minutes longer.

An early edition of the storm came at 1:35 o'clock, when the first rain of the day began falling. Nine minutes later came the first hail, lasting only six minutes. By 2 o'clock the storm was out and remained unobserved until the sudden storm of more than an hour later. In point of size the hailstones of yesterday's storm approached closely to the record. The largest ones ever registered by the local station measuring 1.5 inches in diameter.

TITANIC DISASTER

Dr. Callish Will Discuss Loss of Steamer at Beth Abrahams To-Night.

Rev. Dr. R. M. Callish has returned from Baltimore, Md., where he was in attendance on the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and will fill his pulpit this evening and Saturday morning. His subject for the evening will be "The Titanic Disaster." Saturday morning Dr. Callish will speak on the topic, "A Religion of Miracles."

While in Baltimore, Dr. Callish took a prominent part in the work of the conference. He was made the president of the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College, and also a member of the executive committee of the Central Conference of Rabbis.

OFFICIALS SPEND DAY IN RICHMOND

Electric Railway Association Committee Begins Cross-Country Tour.

PREACHING CO-OPERATION

Visitors Entertained at Club, Where They Meet City Officials and Railway Men.

Preaching a campaign of co-operation and closer understanding between public service corporations and the communities which they serve, members of the executive committee of the American Electric Railway Association spent yesterday in Richmond as the guests of the Virginia Railway and Power Company. At a luncheon at the Westmoreland Club the visitors met Mayor Richardson, members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, officers of the Chamber of Commerce, Business Men's Club, Retail Merchants' Association and other civic and commercial organizations.

Both of the local street car lines, including a visit to the power house and a motor car spin to the Country Club of Virginia, completed the day, the officials continuing on their 11,999-mile journey last night.

Members of Committee.

The following compose the personnel of the visiting party, among whom are some of the most widely distinguished authorities on electric lines and the manufacture of electric machinery in the world:

Thomas N. McCarter, Newark, N. J., president American Electric Railway Association; president Public Service Corporation of New Jersey.

C. Loomis Allen, Syracuse, N. Y., third vice-president American Electric Railway Association, president New York and Old Point Railway and Electric Companies, Inc.

H. C. Doncker, New York, secretary, treasurer American Electric Railway Association.

W. L. Conwell, New York, president American Electric Railway Manufacturers' Association, president Transportation Utilities Company.

Charles C. Pierce, Boston, Mass., member of executive committee American Electrical Railway Manufacturers' Association, district manager, railway department, Boston office, General Electric Company.

James H. McGraw, New York, vice-president American Electric Railway Manufacturers' Association, president McGraw Publishing Company.

Arthur Warren, New York, representative of the committee on public relations, American Electric Railway Association.

Richmond First Stop.

Richmond was the first stop in the itinerary, the party having left New York the previous night in the private car Advance, and will return to New York on May 25. In this country there are 1,300 electric railways, carrying 42,000 miles of track, 50,000 cars and carrying annually between 10,000,000,000 and 11,000,000,000 passengers, and employing more than 250,000 persons. The tour of the officials will extend to San Francisco, San Jose, San Francisco, and as far north as Vancouver, traversing thirty States and British Columbia. In thirty cities arrangements have been made for conferences with officials of the electric railways, and for public hearings, and civic bodies and for the exchange of information and views concerning the problems of electric railways in relation to the communities they serve.

The luncheon was a brilliant affair, presided over by Mayor Richardson, and attended by the Virginia Railway and Power Company, acting as toastmaster, the guests including the members of the State Corporation Commission, members of the City Council, officers of the Chamber of Commerce, Business Men's Club, Retail Merchants' Association and the Virginia Club, a number of city officials and the officers of the Richmond and Henric Railway Company.

First Line Here.

Mayor Richardson welcomed the visitors, giving an interesting account of the opening of the City Streetcar line, the first commercial electric street railway in the world, opened for passengers just twenty-four years ago. President McCarter, of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, said that he had the largest trolley corporation in this country, replied.

Judge R. R. Prentiss, of the State Corporation Commission, in the course of his remarks was very complimentary to the management of the local street railway company, saying that it had always responded generously to public demands.

C. Loomis Allen, of Syracuse, N. Y., recently elected president of the Newport News and Old Point electric lines, was also one of the speakers.

Charles C. Pierce, of Boston, an official of the General Electric Company, spoke for the Manufacturers' Association, as did President W. L. Conwell, of New York. Henry W. Anderson, of Richmond, was the last speaker.

Many questions of importance were raised in the debate, which was informal to all present, bearing on the necessity for a kindly feeling and mutual good understanding between the corporation and the public, and the necessity for good service rather than inordinately low rates, and on the right of the investor to expect a reasonable return on his investment. President Northrop told the visitors of the fact that the Richmond trolley when they were recapitalized at about one-half of the investment and put on a dividend-paying basis.

The committee will spend to-day in Charleston, S. C., going from there to Augusta, Atlanta, Nashville, Birmingham and New Orleans.

COMPROMISE APPROVED

Miss Fletcher Now Mistress of Fortune Left by Captain Cussins.

According to the terms of the compromise arranged Wednesday evening, Judge John P. West yesterday morning instructed the jury of the Henrico county Circuit Court, which has been hearing evidence in the contest to break the will of Captain John Cussins, to return a verdict establishing the contested document as the last will and testament of the testator.

The verdict of the jury ends the fight establishing the will, and leaves Miss Sarah Elizabeth Fletcher undisputed mistress of the fortune left by her famous Confederate scout. By the terms of the will no appointment of Captain Cussins's executor will be made, so that the exact valuation will never be known by the public; a conservative estimate of the value of the property is \$125,000.

The Gans-Rady Co.

Announce for TO-DAY a Special Friday Sale in Their

BOYS' DEPARTMENT

AT 59c—Children's Wash Suits worth \$1.50.
AT \$3.95—Knickerbocker Suits worth up to \$6.50.
AT \$4.95—Boys' and Girls' Novelty Reefers worth \$7.50.
AT 79c—Boys' Negligee Shirts worth up to \$1.50.

SUGGESTS NEW PLAN TO NOMINATE BOARD

Idea Is to Have Mass Convention Which Shall Select Five Citizens to Handle \$3,000,000 of Taxpayers' Money—Warmly Approved.

Combining the essential ideas of the primary with all that is good in the convention system, Major Miles M. Martin, chairman of the City Democratic Committee, has prepared a plan for the selection by the Democratic voters of Richmond of the five men to compose the first Administrative Board. In suggesting the plan for public consideration, Major Martin is speaking as one member, not as chairman, but it is known that his views have the approval of a large majority of members of the City Committee. Briefly, he proposes a precinct primary for election of delegates to a city convention, one to each 100 registered and qualified voters, the Democratic nominees for the first board to be named by the mass convention.

Major Martin's plan is the first concrete suggestion put forward in a definite way. Thoughtful men have realized that the charter changes give a wonderful opportunity, but that in the hands of small men the new plan will be a dangerous experiment for the city to make.

What the Board Will Do.

It is proposed that the city select five men of experience and ability, to whom it will intrust all of its business affairs. The board will elect the City Engineer, the Building Inspector, all heads of city departments, and choose more than 1,000 employees for the city. It will expend more than \$3,000,000 a year; will award all contracts, pay all bills, supervise and approve all public work, determine where and of what character all improvements are to be made, run the Gas Works, the electric works, the Water Works, and have supervision of street parks, cemeteries, markets, almshouse and harbor improvements.

In a clear and succinct statement Major Martin declares for the primary system were one man to be elected, 200 voters in the primary. By Major Martin's plan every precinct in the city will be represented in the convention in exact proportion to its voting strength. The convention will be made up of the people's representatives, and the selection of five men will be the choice of the Democratic party of Richmond—not the choice of a small minority who, because of the accident of split votes, chance to lead the ticket in a free-for-all primary.

It might be said that the primary candidates now mentioned, there are men of small experience and little knowledge of large business enterprises. Men who have never earned more than \$10,000 a year, and who are probably the city's best citizens, to serve the city at \$5,000 a year. Nothing has been brought forward questioning in any way the character or integrity of any candidate, but many members of the City Committee who have consulted Chairman Martin do not see that it would reflect much credit on the Democratic party or on the city to allow a small minority of the voters of the city to place \$500 clerks in \$5,000 administrative positions, and far-reaching importance and responsibility.

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Chairman Martin's Views.

Chairman Martin gave out yesterday the following statement of his own views, explaining that he was speaking for himself and not for the City Democratic Committee: "The personnel of the Administrative Board and the method of selecting them are, in my judgment, the most serious question of the hour before the people of Richmond for many years. If these gentlemen are nominated by a direct primary under the recent act known as the Byrd primary law, we will be confronted by the fact that all five of them may, in all probability, will be nominated by a vote of a minority of the Democratic voters of the city. If they are nominated by what is known as a two-day primary, the legality of this method being doubtful, the same result will follow, unless, by several primaries, the elimination of the lowest candidate be continued until each of the nominees shall receive a majority of the votes cast. If only three persons were candidates for one office this system would be easy, but with five to be selected, and anywhere from fifteen to twenty candidates, it too cumbersome to be considered. The voters recurrence of primaries, and frequent recurrence of primaries, and cease to take part in them.

"In my judgment, and speaking as only one member of the City Democratic Committee, the best method of selecting five candidates for the Administrative Board is as follows: Precinct Primaries.

Each precinct by an all-day primary vote to elect delegates to a convention upon the basis of either one candidate to each 100 voters and fraction above fifty, or one to each fifty voters and fraction above twenty-five. The convention, once constituted, to nominate five Democrats to be voted for as members of the Administrative Board. By this method the people will, by a primary, select their representatives to the convention. The convention, consisting of these representatives will be enabled to look the field over and select five candidates to be voted for at the general election, who can best serve the general interests of the city. If due consideration is given by the voters to the selection of the members of this convention, it seems to me that we can safely rely on the wisdom of their action.

"In the peculiar conditions that exist, this method will come nearer, in my opinion, than any other that we have, to giving a fair expression to the wishes of all the voters. Every section of the city will be observed and a fair consideration can be given to all. No candidate fitted for the position should complain, and none who are unfitted for it should be listened to."

"A direct primary is a good thing, but not necessarily good for every thing. As this is a purely business proposition, and three members of the Administrative Board are the administrators of the business of the city, who will every year disburse about three and a half million dollars, the very greatest care should be taken in their selection. The executive officers of every great corporation are selected by its board of directors, and the board of directors is selected by the stockholders. I advocate in this method of nominating the members of the board the same principle."

It is probable that the City Democratic Committee will be called shortly to discuss the Martin plan in every detail, and that final arrangements for the selection of the members of the first Administrative Board will be effected shortly after the Council primary, which falls on April 30.

MYSTIC SHRINE, LOS ANGELES, CAL. May 6 to 8. Rate, \$22.75. For information and tickets, consult THE RICHMOND TRANSFER CO., 800 East Main Street.

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Richmond Advertisers' Club

ARREST LAWYER AND BROKER, TOO

Rohleder and Gilliam, Suspected of Forgery, are Released on Bond.

J. W. Gilliam, a broker, and R. A. Rohleder, an attorney, were arrested yesterday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock. They were charged with being suspicious characters, suspected of forgery. Both men were released last night on bail in the sum of \$300.

The arrests were made on the strength of a negotiable note shown to the police yesterday morning by the Kirk Parrish Company. The paper bore the signature of O. Hooker, one of the officers of the Darbytown Distilling Company, and was indorsed by both Hooker and Gilliam. The amount was \$50. According to information given to the police, the note was presented to the Kirk Parrish Company by Rohleder for the payment of an account of \$50, the difference having been paid him in cash.

Mr. Hooker said the note was a forgery, that he had never signed such a paper, nor did he know how it came to be circulated. Rohleder claimed that he presented the note in good faith and had no idea that it was bogus. Gilliam had nothing to say. The police are looking for another man whom they believe to be implicated in this and other cases.

The case will be called in the Police Court this morning, but probably will be continued until other arrests are made and additional evidence obtained.

REAL DOG-KILLER

Chesterfield Officer Shoots 20 Animals After Muzzles Were Hidden.

Special Policeman A. J. Winters, near Richmond, takes first prize when it comes to slaughtering mad dogs. Within the last few days he has killed over a dozen. He is now in good luck and has no idea that it was bogus. Gilliam had nothing to say. The police are looking for another man whom they believe to be implicated in this and other cases.

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After his dog had been killed, a number of other dogs were running wild in the neighborhood. The police were called and a general search of all animals was made. The dogs were killed by the police.

The first arrest of the anti-dogging campaign, commanded by Sheriff Martin, of Henrico, occurred yesterday morning when John Akin Branch, of West Franklin, Officer Eubank, and others, were charged with breaking the speed laws on the Chop Road. He was held in the sum of \$100 for his appearance before Judge Smith, the official who issued the warrant.

Cow Killed by Lightning. R. P. Coward, of Henrico, reported last night that a cow, which had reportedly strayed from her owner, was struck by lightning and killed in yesterday's storm.

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UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

Most Pay Assessments.

Candidates for the Common Council and for the one seat in the Board of Aldermen, who were nominated in the Democratic primary of April 15, have until 12 noon tomorrow to file their names with the Treasurer of the City Democratic Committee. The names of the candidates will be made before tomorrow noon the candidates' names will not appear on the printed list.

Mayor Richardson will probably be declared the party nominee to succeed himself, since he has no opposition.

Meeting Postponed. The Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings, scheduled for last night, postponed its meeting until 6 o'clock on account of "Double Minutes," which many Councilmen desired to see.